

**John Lambert to Andrew Jackson, February 8, 1815,
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MAJOR-GENERAL LAMBERT TO JACKSON.1

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[Off Louisiana Coast], February 8, 1815.

Sir, I am just favored with your letter of the 4th. I can assure you that every American Prisoner that was present when I embarked on board the Tonnant, has been sent into the Rigollets, and Adm Sr. A Cochrane, has taken steps for the arrival of an equivalent number to the British Prisoners now with you. Under any circumstances, I positively promise that your liberality shall not be, in any way but reciprocal on my part, and I will not lose sight for a moment, hastening, if it is possible, the arrival of American Prisoners, especially those who were taken on the 14th of December last. I am obliged to you for the allowing of two British Officers to return on Parole, and what you intimate on the subject shall be attended to. What I said respecting the Slaves, regarded those, that I could not prevent coming to us, when I was on shore; I am not at the anchorage where Mr. Livingston and Mr. White, have been received, and indeed I have nothing [to] say to it; I did, all I could to persuade them to return at the time, but not one was willing, as will be testified by Mr. Celestin a proprietor, whom I had detained untill the British Forces had evacuated their last position, this gentleman saw the Slaves that were present, and did all he could to urge them to go back.

I remain Sir